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**PATENT** 

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Customer No.20277

Akio MISAKA

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Serial No.: 10/717,598

Group Art Unit: 1756

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Examiner: STEPHEN D. ROSASCO

For: PHOTOMASK, PATTERN FORMATION METHOD USING

PHOTOMASK AND MASK DATA CREATION METHOD

## **ELECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 121**

Mail Stop Amendment Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 28, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire October 28, 2005, wherein the Examiner required restriction between the following Groups:

Group I - Claims 1-56, drawn to a mask; and

Group II - Claims 57-65, drawn to a data creation method for creating mask data.

Applicant elects Group I, claims 1-56, for initial prosecution on the merits. Applicant also reserves the right to file a Divisional Application for the non-elected claims 57-65, which the Examiner has indicated is patentably distinct.

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Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0417. A duplicate copy of this Response is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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